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SUBJECT: ENERGY: IEA/SLT MEETING OF MAY 18

1. A) THE MAY 18 MEETING OF THE STANDING GROUP ON
LONG TERM COOPERATION (SLT) OF THE INTERNATIONAL
ENERGY AGENCY (IEA) WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO PROCEDURAL
ISSUES RELATING TO THE 1978 REVIEW OF MEMBER COUNTRIES'
ENERGY PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.

B) DELEGATES AGREED THAT THE COUNTRY REVIEW PROCESS
SHOULD BEGIN IN JUNE AND END IN DECEMBER ALLOWING FOR
DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN CONSERVATION,
COAL, GAS, AND NUCLEAR MATTERS DURING THE SAME TIME
PERIOD. THE OVERALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD
ON RESULTS OF THE REVIEW WILL BE DRAFTED AND
REVIEWED DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

C) THE EXISTING QUESTIONNAIRE WAS REPLACED BY A
SET OF GUIDELINES WHICH WILL HELP MEASURE COUNTRIES'
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PROGRESS IN FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ENERGY PRINCIPLES
ADOPTED AT THE IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING IN OCTOBER
1977. ALL COUNTRIES WILL BE REVIEWED IN PLENARY
SESSIONS IN FOUR TRANCHES; RAPORTEURS WERE ASSIGNED
FOR CONDUCTING THE EXAMINATIONS AND PROVIDING
THE INITIAL DRAFT REPORT; AND A "BASE DOCUMENT"
PREPARED BY THE "IN-DEPTH" TEAM ON SECRETARIAT WILL

SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL FOCUS FOR THE EXAM.
DELEGATES AGREED TO RESPOND TO THE SET OF GUIDELINES
BY MID-JULY.

D) GERMANY, IRELAND, ITALY, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND
AND THE UNITED STATES WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF "IN-
DEPTH" REVIEWS DURING THE 1978 CYCLE. THESE
COUNTRIES WILL BE VISITED BY A TEAM CONSISTING OF
MEMBER COUNTRY DELEGATES AND SECRETARIAT PERSONNEL.
NORWAY WILL BE THE TEAM LEADER FOR THE REVIEW OF
THE UNITED STATES, SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER.

2. PUBLICATION OF 1977 REVIEWS

A) THE RESULTS OF THE SLT AND R&D REVIEWS OF
MEMBER COUNTRIES ENERGY PROGRAMS AND
POLICIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE PUBLISHED IN MID-
JUNE. THE SECRETARIAT WILL MOST LIKELY HOLD A PRESS
BRIEFING WHEN THE REPORT IS PUBLISHED. THEY AGREED
TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS AND THE PRECISE
DATE OF RELEASE TO ALL DELEGATES TO ASSURE COORDINA-
TED HANDLING OF PUBLICITY IN MEMBER CAPITALS.

3. SCHEDULING:

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A) AN EXPERTS MEETING ON DATA REQUIREMENTS, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARIAT, WILL BE HELD IN LATE JUNE. SUCH EXPERTS WILL BE ASKED TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE 1) INDICATORS FOR MEASURING ENERGY SUPPLY AND CONSERVATION RESULTS, 2) METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING SUPPLY AND DEMAND SHORTFALLS, AND 3) HEAT CONVERSION FACTORS.

B) THE ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT SUBGROUP WILL MEET ON JUNE 7-8 TO CONSIDER POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES RELATING TO COAL UTILIZATION, PRODUCTION, TRADE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT.

C) THE NUCLEAR SUBGROUP WILL MEET ON JUNE 6 TO DISCUSS A SECRETARIAT PAPER ON NUCLEAR AND ELECTRICITY PROJECTIONS AND THE US PROPOSAL ON NUCLEAR FUEL BANKS.

D) THE CONSERVATION SUBGROUP WILL MEET ON JUNE 19-21
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TO CONSIDER RESULTS OF EXPERTS MEETING ON TRANSPORTATION, DISTRICT HEATING, BUILDINGS, AND PUBLICITY.
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